विवरण

एम. एम. टी. सी. के साथ मिटको का विलय

(i) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान मिटको का श्रेणीवार निर्यात :—

(मूल्य-लाख रु० में)

	1992-93	1993-94 (अ.)
अभ्रक छीलन (सरणीकृत)	896	744
अभ्रक कागज	45	68
अन्य उत्पाद	8	4
योग	949	816

(ii) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान मिटको को हुई हानि :—

लाख रु० में

	हानि
1992-93	821
1993-94(अ.)	472

(अ) अनन्तिम

Value of exports and imports

803. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Wiii the Minister of COMMENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of exports and imports during the first quarter of 1994-95;

(b) the commodity-wise breakup of such, exports and imports; and

(c) the overall increase or decrea se as the case may be of exports and imports as compared to the corresponding quarter in 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE); (a) Exports and Imports during April-May 1934 the latest period for which such aggregate trade statistics are available, were valued at Rs. 11898 crores (US $ 3793 million) and Rs. 12181 .crores (US $ 3883 million) respectively.

(b) Commodity-wise breakup of exports and imports is available only upto the period April 1994.. This; data is available in the April 1994 issue of the DGCI&S brochure 'Fore ign Trade Statistics of India (Principal" Commodities and Countries): which is available in the Lok Sabha Library.

(c) Exports and Imports during April-May 1994; the latest period for which such aggregate trade statistics are available, registered increases in rupae terms of 9.8 per cent (9.7 per cent in dollar terms) and 1?..2 per cent (12.1 per cent in dollar terms) respectively, over April—May, 1993.

Ind0-Spanish Trade

309. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will! the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken hy Government to expand Indo-Spain trade;

(b) if so the areas in which India-*S* m'n trade is established; and

(c) the details of new areas Mentl-fed for the expansion of Indo-Spa-nis*h* trade?

THE MINISTER OF COMMWRCE. (SHRT PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Measures aimed at trade expan-

sion include improved interaction at governmental and business level *ex-change* of trade delegations, arranging of buyer-seller meets and participation in. trade fairs. In the case of Spain, the Joint Business Council met in New Delhi in March, 1994 while the Indo-Spanish Joint Committee is expected to meet in October this year. Some of the Indian trade delegations which visited Spain in. the recent past include representatives of MPEDA^ Tobacco Board. Solvent Extractors' Association and the Export Promotion Councils for Leather, Handicrafts, Carpets and Gem and Jewellery.(b) Major items of export to Spain are marine products, leather and leather manufacturer, textile goods, drugs pharmaceuticals and chemicals. Imports from, Spain inter-alia include organice chemicals, artificial resins, plastic materials iron and steel, non-ferrous metals machinery and projects geods.

(c) Some areas of potential export interest to India are agricultural products. automobile ancillaries, sports poods, tea coffee and tobacco while there are possibilities of im poiting items such as chemicals, pro-fessicnal items and optical goods from Spain.

Import of essential' commodities through STC

310. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be plea-fierl to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration regarding import of essential commodities in order to maintain price sta-blity in' case the; domestic production falls short": and

(h) if so, 'whether all such imports be made p'exclusively through the STC?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE); j (a) Depending on the requirements for the Public Distribution System determined by the Food Ministry and Ministry of Civil Supplies and Public Distribution import of sugar and Palmolein is being undertaken oy ,STC and MMTC, for augmenting supplies under PDS.

(b) Import of these items is not canalised through STC.

Import of waste paper

811. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India imports 20,000 tonnes of waste paper for recycling;

(b) if so, what is the annual waste paper collected in India;

(c) to what extent the recycling | of this paper is done by the industry;

(d) what are the reasons for im-| porting such a huge quantity of waste paper for the country.

(e) what are the names of the countries from where waste paper is being imported and at what cost;

(f) whether Government are con-sidering to han i his import of waste r.npcr from 1994 onwards; and

(g) if not_ the reasons thereof? THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE | (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): fa) It is a fact that waste paper is being imported into India for recyl-ing. As this item does not appear separately in Indian Trade Classification based on Harmonised Commodity Description, information regard-! ing the import o waste paper is not ' available separately, However, dur-